

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ECCLESHILL AND WATERSIDE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12 JULY 2021 AT THE CARUS CENTRE, HODDLESDEN, DARWEN AT 7.30 PM.

Present Cllr Matthew Jackson (Chair), Cllr Lesley Shaw, Cllr Silvia Robinson and Cllr Andrew Green. There were also a number of members of the public in attendance.

0866 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Scott Pendry.

0867 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Lesley Shaw and Cllr Andrew Green in respect of Victoria Buildings.

0868 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 June 2021

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2021, having been circulated be received, and approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 7.35pm for local issues.

Details of local issues were shown in the clerk's report.

Meeting reconvened at 8.00pm.

0869 Accounts:

Resolved: that the following accounts be approved:

Clerks Salary: £208.00 (July-Aug-2021), Grass Cutting: £130.00.

0870 Planning

The Clerk had received one planning application for the meeting Ref: 10/21/1005. The Clerk had objected to planning application Ref: 10/21/1036 (see attached).

0871 Road Repairs Victoria Buildings

Expenditure from April 2021 to July 2021 was £ 103.40. There would be some further temporary work required which would be paid for from the ring-fenced reserve.

0872 Public walkways around the Area.

There was no further update for the meeting.

0873 Waste Tipping at Waterside

This item was on the agenda and was being dealt with by the local councillor Julie Slater who had attended the meeting.

The main issues that required urgent attention were detailed below:

- Is there a licence in place to allow this activity to be carried out, and are there checks being made on the volumes and type of waste being dumped? If there is a licence what volumes have been agreed regarding dumping.
- If there is no licence in place is enforcement action imminent.
- Have you had a response from the enforcement officer who was sent to investigate the large volumes being tipped at Lower Waterside Farm?
- Can you confirm that the site has been designated as a biological heritage site by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and how does this fit in with dumping waste.
- Has there been any Environmental assessment carried out, and if so can the findings be shared?
- Can an Environmental Officer visit the site as a matter of urgency to ensure that correct practices are being adhered to?

The clerk was asked to email Councillor Slater so that these issues could be raised and explanations/actions taken.

Action: The clerk to email Councillor Slater with the issues

0874 Increase in Gardening

There was a further area of land that would require cutting. Cllr Green would speak to the gardener and ask for a quote.

Action: Cllr Green to get a quote from the gardener.

0875 Blocked Drains at Waterside.

There were continuing issues with the drains at Waterside which were constantly blocked. The previous repairs had made the situation worse. The Borough Council had set a date of October 2021 to carry out works. A concerned resident suggested that it should be brought forward as any work to be carried out was now urgent.

Action: The Chair to contact the Borough Council to see if the date could be brought forward.

There were further discussions around the drains being unadopted and the possible involvement of the new owners at Shaw's being made aware of the position which may benefit the residents. The Parish Council noted the position.

0876 Allotments

The Chairman advised attendees at the meeting that there would be some Section 106 monies made available to the Parish Council due to increased house building in the area. The Chairman suggested that the monies could be used for allotments if

that was the wish of the residents. The site suggested was the old playing fields at Eccleshill. A member of the public asked if there was a covenant on the land that would limit what it could be used for. There were further issues around the land as it was designated green belt land. The Chair said that there was no covenant on the land, and that he had checked if the land could be used for allotments and had received a positive reply.

It was suggested that a public meeting should be held to discuss this proposal and to put forward any alternative proposals that the residents had.

0877 To receive items for information

The clerk had received no items for information.

Exclusion of Public and Press

0878 Parish Strategy and Parish Budget Plan

As Cllr Pendry was not at the meeting this item was deferred till 13 September 2021 meeting.

0879 Financial Position to 12 July 2021

The financial position to the 12 July 2021 had been circulated to councillors with the agenda.

Councillors noted and approved the financial position.

0880 Date & Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Monday 13 September 2021 at 7.30pm, at the Carus Centre, Hoddlesden, Darwen.